



GEAR UP STATE GRANTS VS. PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

STATE GRANTS

- ◆ Have an early intervention component
- ◆ Have a scholarship component—may be waived for state with other means of financial aid
- ◆ Devote 50 percent of grant to scholarships—may be waived
- ◆ Devote 25 to 50 percent of grant for early college awareness and preparation activities
- ◆ May choose to serve either cohort of students or priority students
- ◆ Are designated by governor to administer grant

PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

- ◆ Promote rigorous academic coursework
- ◆ Only serve students in cohorts (whole grade level of students)
- ◆ Begin working with students no later than the 7th grade
- ◆ Follow students into high school and support them through high school graduation
- ◆ Must inform students and parents about college options and financial aid

STATE AND PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

- ◆ Work in partnerships consisting of at least one organization in each primary group:
 1. Degree-granting postsecondary institutions
 2. School districts (acting on behalf of schools)
 3. Community organizations such as:
 - ◆ Community-based organizations, business, professional associations, faith-based, and
 - ◆ Religious organizations, philanthropic organizations, state and local agencies
- ◆ Provide early college preparation and awareness services and activities
- ◆ Provide students with personalized **21st Century Scholars Certificates** with information about federal financial aid programs
- ◆ Coordinate their activities with other projects in the school district or state
- ◆ Coordinate their activities with other related federal and non-federal programs